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The United States Securities and Exchange Commission Exemption File 82-5204
Division of Corporate Finance
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Dear Sirs.

GKN plc – notification of major interests in shares

For your information I enclose a copy of the above announcement.

Yours faithfully,

**Assistant Company Secretary** 

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## SCHEDULE 10

## NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

| 1.  | Name of company  |  | 2.  | Name of shareholder having a major interest   |                               |  |
|---|--|--|-----|---|-------------------------------|--|
|   | GKN PLC  |  |     | FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC   |                               |  |
| 3.  | Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 SHAREHOLDER NAMED IN 2 |  | 4.  | Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them Bank of New York - 156,520 Chase Nominees Limited - 29,733,676 Citibank - 425,283 Clydesdale Bank plc - 2,533,630 Euroclear Bruxelles - 9,533 Mellon Bank - 83,045 Northern Trust Company - 352,169 Royal Trust Corp of Canada - 1,351,076 State Street Nominees Limited - 2,692,920 |                               |  |
| 5.  | Number of<br>shares/amount of stock<br>acquired<br>NOT KNOWN   | 6. Percentage of issued class  NOT KNOWN | 7.  | Number of shares/amount<br>of stock disposed  | 8. Percentage of issued class |  |
| 9.  | Class of security  |  | 10. | Date of transaction   | 11. Date company informed     |  |
|   | ORDINARY SHARES OF 50P EACH  |  |     | NOT KNOWN   | 4 FEBRUARY 2004               |  |
| 12.   | Total holding following this notification 37,337,852   |  | 13. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 5.01%  |                               |  |
| 14.   | Any additional information   |  | 15. | 15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries  |                               |  |
|   |  |  |     | PHIL HIGGINS – 01527 533 235  |                               |  |
| 16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification PHIL HIGGINS |  |  |     |   |                               |  |
| Dat   | Date of notification 4 FEBRUARY 2004   |  |     |   |                               |  |